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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE AGREEMENT, US-CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT PROGRAM DOCUMENT,

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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- 1. ON JANUARY 18 PAO DELIVERED US DRAFT SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM DOCUMENT TO FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY AND INVESTMENT AMERICAN DESK OFFICER JOSEF SLAMENEC AND REVIEWED CONTENTS WITH LATTER.
- 2. SLAMENEC SAID GOC WOULD CAREFULLY SUTDY DRAFT AND INCORPORATE AS MUCH OF IT AS IS POSSIBLE IN ITS OWN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DRAFT. HE ASKED FOR A FOLLOWUP WORKING MEETING JANUARY 26, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL "UNOFFICIALLY" PRESENT US WITH LATEST GOC VERSION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PART OF PROGRAM DOCUMENT. HE SAID BASIC DOCUMENT HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH COOPERATING GOC SCIENTIFIC BODIES, BUT NOT MFA, AND SAID "IN EARLY FEBRUARY" MFA WOULD BE PRESENTING CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY WITH CLEARED DRAFT.

3. ALTHOUGH WE ARE YET TO SEE GOC PROPOSED VERSION, SLAMENEC GAVE IMPRESSION MOST CHANGES HE WOULD SUGGEST IN US DRAFT WOULD BE FOR LOCAL BUREAUCRATIC-FINANCIAL REASONS. SAID TWO QUESTIONS REMAIN, THAT OF ONE VERSUS TWO PROGRAM DOCUMENTS, AND HOW MUCH DETAIL SHOULD BE

INCLUDED IN PRORGAM DOCUMENT. DID NOT RAISE SIGNING SCENARIO QUESTION.

4. ON QUESTION OF DETAIL, FMTIR STILL PROPOSES A SINGLE ARTICLE ENCOMPASSING CATEGORIES COVERD US DRAFT ARTICLES 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 8. THEIR ARGUMENT IS: GOC PROPOSED LANGUAGE THIS SECTION DOES NOT COMMIT

ANYONE TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, BUT POINTS TO SOME GENERAL AREAS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE COOPERATION. IT GETS FMTIR OFF THE HOOK BECAUSE IT LISTS PROJECTS DEAR TO THE HEART OF VARIOUS GOC COOPERATING BODIES WITHOUT COMMITTING U.S. TO ACTUALLY CARRY THEM OUT.

## 5. GOC LANGUAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

"IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH PARTIES MUTUAL INTEREST IN COOPERATION WAS EXPRESSED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- A) MINING AND ENERGY
  - SAFETY IN DEEP COAL MINES
- B) METALLUGRY AND MACHINERY
  - FUEL CELLS
  - -PROTECTION OF MATERIALS FROM CORROSION
  - -STEEL ALLOYS

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- -ROBOTS AND AUTOMOATION
- C) ELECTRONICS
  - MICROPROCESSORS
  - POWER SEMICONDUCTORS
- D) TRANSPORTATION
  - AUTOMATION IN RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION
  - -TRANSPORT OF GOODS IN URBAN CENTERS
  - -RAIL TEST TRACK DEVELOPMENT
- E) AGRICULTURE
  - -CROSS-BREEDING AND BREEDING OF DAIRY AND BEEF CATTLE
  - -NUTRITION OF AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS INCLUDING USE
  - OF BIOSTIMULATORS AND OTHER AGENTS
  - -INCREASING OF VOLUME OF AMINO ACIDS IN FODDER AND FEED GRA

INS

- -FIGHT AGAINST PESTS AND DISEASES OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS
- F) ENVIRONMENT
  - -FIGHT AGAINST EXHAUST EMISSIONS IN THE AIR
  - AGROCHEMISTRY AND PROTECTION AGAINST ADVERSE SIDE

EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL AGENTS
-PROTECTION OF WATER SOURCES AND TREATMENT OF WASTE WATERS

6. ON BALANCE, EMBASSY LEANS TOWARD ACCEPTANCE OF SOMETHING LIKE THE ABOVE PROPOSED LANGUAGE, POSSIBLY BROADENED TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC MENTION OF MEMORANDUM OFUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND GOC, AND CONTENT OF ARTICLES FIVE AND SIX OF US DRAFT, REFERRING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE EXCHANGE OF HEALTH SPECIALISTS UP TO TWELVE PERSON MONTHS PER YEAR AND NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS "GUEST WORKER" PROGRAM ON A SENDING-SIDE-PAYS BASIS. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT. IF IT IS, EMBASSY PROPOSES NOT TO INTRODUCE LANGUAGE OUTRIGHT, BUT POSSIBLE USE IT FOR A TRADEOFF DURING JANUARY 26 DISCUSSION. CONFIDENTIAL

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7. FMTIR POINTS OUT IT HAS BEEN GIVEN EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO COORDINATE ALL GOC SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY. ASKS WHICH GROUP IN US WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL PART OF EXCHANGES AGREEMENT ON U.S. SIDE, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

OR DEPARTMENT OF STATE. PLEASE ADVISE IN TIME FOR JANUARY 26 MEETING.

8. COMMENT: PROBABLY AT LEAST TWO MORE WORKING MEETINGS WILL BE REQUIRED TO READY THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PART OF THE DRAFT, AFTER WHICH THE REMAINING QUESTIONS CAN BE DISCUSSED. THE EMBASSY'S TACTIC CONTINUES TO BE TO TREAT EACH OF THESE PROBLEMS AS SEPARATE MATTERS: A) EDITORIALIZING;

 $\operatorname{G})$  DIVISION OF PROGRAM DOCUMENT INTO ONE OR TWO SECTIONS; AND

C) WHO SIGNS WHEN AND WHERE.

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